

Language Arts Patchwork

This I Believe

“Success is one percent inspiration, and ninety nine percent perspiration.” Effort plays a major role behind every success story. Hard work helps an average student become extraordinary; hard work helps an athlete win a race; hard work helps one achieve dreams beyond their boundaries. This I believe: success comes only with effort.

I could still remember when it was only two months to my primary school leaving exam, but yet everyone was not working as hard as they ought to be. I was not an exception. It was probably because I had overestimated myself by thinking that no matter what I would still be able to pull through and do well. One day, my teacher came to class, and she told us “I see no effort being put in for this exam. By only giving half of your potential, do you think you will be able to make it to the top schools? You get as much as you put in. Don’t expect success if you are not working hard yourself.” Her words woke me up, and shook me to my senses. What she said was true, and made absolute sense. From that day onwards, I put my nose to the grindstone, and worked like I had never did before, to attain success; success, which at the end of the day, I can be proud of and call my own.

“No pain, no gain.” To excel, effort has to jolly well be put in to achieve one’s aim. I believe that success will not appear in front of me just because I have been waiting for it; instead, success will only be mine when I have worked hard to prove that I deserve it.

To me, hard work will not necessarily earn you the champion title in everything you do. Instead, it develops our potential to the fullest, and propels us to greater heights. I learnt to give my all in everything I do, because in the one life that I live in, I want to know that I have given my best shot, and that would be my greatest success ever.

All of us have complete control over our future. Whether we want to lead a life of success and accomplishments, or a wasted life full of regrets, the choice is entirely up to us. Hence, since the decision to work hard or not to work hard lies with us, why don’t we all make the smart choice?

To unlock the door to success, hard work and effort is the key. Success is not a given. Hard work is essential in achieving success. Do not wait for a pot of gold to appear magically; work hard and earn the gold yourself. This is why I firmly believe that success belongs only to those who persist in giving their fullest in life.